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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

5 This is in response to the Office Action of August 28, 2001. Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three month extension of time along with the requisite fee extending the date for response to February 28, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Line By Line Amendment:

15 On page 1, after the title of the title on the next line, insert --Field Of The Invention--;

On page 1, after line 12, insert --Background Of The Invention--;

On page 4, after line 10, insert --Summary Of The Invention--;

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On page 4, line 12, cancel "consisting of", insert ~~containing~~--;

On page 4, after line 21, insert --Brief Description Of The Drawings

The following drawings are illustrative of embodiments of the invention and are
10 not intended to limit the invention as encompassed by the claims forming part of the
application.

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15 Figure 1 is a graph showing a comparison of the sorption isotherm of capsules prepared in accordance with the present invention and conventional hard gelatin capsules; and

Figure 2 is a graph showing a comparison of the moisture take-up of ills encapsulated in capsules of the present invention as compared to conventional hard gelatin capsules.--

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On page 4, after line 21, insert --Detailed Description Of The Invention--; and

On page 5, line 22, cancel "consists of", insert --includes--.

Full Text Amendment:

Polyvinyl Alcohol Compositions

5 Field Of The Invention;

production of conventional hard gelatin capsules.

Background Of The Invention;

10 solution sufficient setting ability.

Summary Of The Invention;

Surprisingly it has been found that the addition of a very small amount of a setting system, preferably containing hydrocolloids, most preferably polysaccharides, improves 15 drastically the setting ability of PVA solutions for the production of hard PVA capsules by conventional dip moulding processes.

capsules for predosed forms, especially hard capsules.

Brief Description Of The Drawings;

20 The following drawings are illustrative of embodiments of the invention and are not intended to limit the invention as encompassed by the claims forming part of the application.

Figure 1 is a graph showing a comparison of the sorption isotherm of capsules 25 prepared in accordance with the present invention and conventional hard gelatin capsules; and

Figure 2 is a graph showing a comparison of the moisture take-up of ills 30 encapsulated in capsules of the present invention as compared to conventional hard gelatin capsules.

Capsules for predosed forms, especially hard capsules.

Detailed Description Of The Invention;